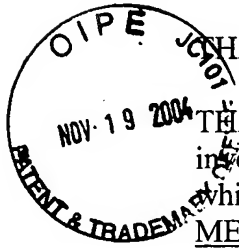


DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:



THAT my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

THAT I believe I am an original, first and sole (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: SUPPORT POST SYSTEM FOR MOLTEN METAL PUMP, the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto.

OR

☒ was filed on February 4, 2004 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 10/773,118, and was amended on (_____) (if applicable).

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was part of my or our invention and was invented before the filing date of the original application, above identified for such invention.

THAT I do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention or discovery thereof, for more than one year prior to this application.

THAT the invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America for more than one year prior to this application.

THAT this invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of the application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months before this application.

THAT I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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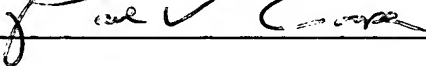
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